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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0771

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PLOS KU

SUBJ: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING AND
200 MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: A) STATE 193106; B) CARACAS 8544

1. BECAUSE KUWAIT CURRENTLY HAS ONLY LARGE AND WIDE-RANGING
FISHING FLEET IN ARABIAN GULF AREA AND RELATIVELY SMALL LITTORAL,
WE BELIEVE GOK WOULD RESENT UNILATERAL ACTION BY US CONGRESS
TO RESTRICT FISHING ACTIVITY WITHIN 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE.
SUCH ACTION, IF FOLLOWED BY OTHER NATIONS COULD SEVERELY CURTAIL
FUTURE KUWAITI FISHING ACTIVITIES IN GULF, INDIAN OCEAN AND
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ELSEWHERE. IN PAST GOK HAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED US INITIATIVES

AND GOALS IN LOS MATTERS. PASSAGE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD
REDUCE KUWAITI ENTHUSIASM TO FOLLOW US LEAD.

2. GOK HAS LESS INTEREST IN MATTERS RELATED TO DEEP SEABED
BUT, UNDOUBTEDLY, WOULD VIEW UNILATERAL US LICENSING OF DEEP
SEABED RESOURCES AS FURTHER EVIDENCE GREAT POWER DISREGARD
FOR RIGHTS OF LDC'S IN EXPLOITATION OF WORLD'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. EITHER ACTION BY US CONGRESS WOULD CAUSE GOK TO REASSESS
ITS POSITION ON LOS MATTERS.

4. BECAUSE OF LATE RECEIPT AND LENGTH REFTELS, THIS EMBASSY
HAS POUCHED REFTELS TO EMBASSIES DOHA AND MUSCAT FOR REPLY.
RESPONSES BY THOSE POSTS WILL NOT MEET DEADLINE CITED REF
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